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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Huntington Beach – FBI Arrests Suspect For Involvement In US Capitol Riot

(U) A Huntington Beach man accused of filming himself entering the US Capitol during the 6 January riot in Washington DC was arrested by the FBI on 28 January and faces federal charges. Mark Simon has been charged with entering a restricted building or grounds and unlawful activities on Capitol grounds, according to a federal criminal complaint. A detective from the Huntington Beach Police Department helped identify Simon, according to the FBI agent's statement, describing him as a "known activist" in the city.

SOURCE: 28 January 2021, [The OCR](#)

(U) Sacramento – EDD Unemployment Fraud Probe On 1.4 Million Claims Unresolved

(U) State labor officials are still unable to report precisely how many of the 1.4 million unemployment claims that were suspended over potential fraud are legitimate and how many are fraudulent, according to a new update from the Employment Development Department. Several weeks ago, the EDD disclosed that it had suspended payments on 1.4 million unemployment payments due to the possibility the claims were bogus. In its most recent update on the situation, the EDD didn't reveal whether it had resolved any of the 1.4 million cases and didn't provide a timeline for reaching a resolution.

SOURCE: 29 January 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – 500 Illinois National Guard Troops Requested for Security in Washington DC

(U) Washington – Governor JB Pritzker activated nearly 500 members of the Illinois National Guard to support the continued security mission in Washington, DC, at the requests of the US Department of Defense. The group of National Guard deployed to Washington are expected to remain on duty there until mid-March. The Illinois National Guard forces will join a force of approximately 7,000 National Guard members from throughout the United States in assisting federal and local agencies with safety and security throughout Washington DC.

SOURCE: 27 January 2021, [Our Quad Cities](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Pakistani Militant Leader Killed in Afghanistan

(U) Jalalabad – The leader of the Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e Islam has been killed in a blast in neighboring Afghanistan, according to Afghan and Pakistani security sources. Mangal Bagh was killed on 28 January in the Nazyan district of Nangarhar Province, which borders Pakistan's restive tribal areas, the sources said. Lashkar-e Islam is believed to have links to Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP), also known as the Pakistani Taliban, which has waged an insurgency against the Pakistani armed forces and the state since 2007.

SOURCE: 28 January 2021, [Gandhara](#)

(U) India – Small Bomb Explodes Near Israeli Embassy in New Delhi

(U) New Delhi – A small bomb went off near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi, causing no injuries, in an incident that an Israeli official said was being treated as terrorism. Police said the explosion was caused by a “very low intensity improvised device” and damaged the window panes of three nearby parked cars. The Israeli foreign ministry said no damage was caused to its embassy building and all Israeli diplomats and embassy staff were safe.

SOURCE: 29 January 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iraq – Senior ISIS Commander Reportedly Killed in Iraq

(U) Baghdad – Iraqi security forces have killed Abu Yaser al-Issawi, an ISIS commander who had claimed to be the leader of the group in Iraq and its “deputy caliph.” “If this is indeed confirmed, it’s significant news, al-Issawi headed up ISIS’s entire Iraq operation,” tweeted Charles Lister, a director at the Middle East Institute think tank in Washington. “It’s worth awaiting more substantive evidence; previous claims have turned out to have been false.”

SOURCE: 28 January 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Lebanon – Hizbullah Cyber Unit Hacked Into Telecoms and ISPs

(U) Beirut – A Hizbullah-affiliated threat actor known as Lebanese Cedar has been linked to intrusions at telco operators and internet service providers in the US, the UK, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, and the UAE. The year-long hacking campaign started in early 2020 and was discovered by Israeli cyber-security firm Clearsky. In a report published today, the security firm said it identified at least 250 web servers that have been hacked by the Lebanese Cedar group.

SOURCE: 28 January 2021, [ZD Net](#)

(U) Netherlands – Personal Data Stolen From COVID-19 Track-And-Trace Program

(U) Amsterdam – Personal information of a large number of people who participated in the Netherlands’ coronavirus track-and-trace program has been leaked, the Dutch health authorities (GGD) said today. The GGD confirmed a media report that data had been stolen and apologized for what it said were two separate leaks. It said in a statement it did not know how many people were affected by the data theft, but they could number in the thousands. The GGD said the data leaks were from its core track-and-trace system, and not related to a tracking smartphone app that had been closely scrutinized for potential privacy weaknesses.

SOURCE: 29 January 2021, [Reuters](#)

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